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Man Pleads in Theft of \$8K Watch

A handyman accused of stealing a Rolex Mariner Watch pleaded no contest today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Ricardo Orozco, 39 (dob 08/16/1974), pleaded no contest to one felony count of receiving stolen property. He also admitted to a prior felony conviction in 2005 for a robbery.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Frederick N. Wapner scheduled sentencing and restitution for Feb. 27 in Department 114 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center. The defendant is expected to face 32 months in state prison, said Deputy District Attorney Brad Harmon.

Orozco was hired as a handyman for a family in Beverly Grove. On April 20, 2013, the home owner's son realized his watch was missing from his bedroom. It was determined the defendant was working in the house the day the timepiece went missing.

During the police investigation, officials named Orozco as a suspect. Investigators later discovered that Orozco pawned the watch a day after it was taken. Law enforcement was able to match the watch pawned to the one stolen through receipts and serial number, according to prosecutors.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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